

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

May 20th – 25th, 2024

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."
-Psalm 119:105

Mon John 7:37-39 Jesus pictures the rich blessings which the promised Spirit would bring as a deep spring of "living water."

Tues Hebrews 8:8-11 Jesus, the great High Priest, establishes the new covenant, characterized by a deep knowledge of God in mind and heart, as prophesied by Jeremiah (31). It is the work of the Spirit that God's people both know and desire what God wants.

Wed Isaiah 44:1-6 The eternal and only God (v6) speaks gently to His people(v2), and pictures the blessings of the Spirit poured upon the people like life-giving streams of water poured out upon dry ground.

Thurs John 4:19-24 Jesus brings good news to a woman of Samaria. The time has come for all to worship the Father in spirit and in truth, as the Spirit is sent to create the kind of worshipers that God desires.

Fri Acts 2:22-39 Peter preaches to the multitudes on Pentecost, telling them of Jesus' resurrection and calling upon them to repent and be baptized in His name for forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Sat Ezekiel 36:22-28 For the sake of His holy name, God will gather His people from all the lands. He will cleanse them from their sin, give them a new heart, and put His Spirit within them. They will be His people and He will be their God!

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Pentecost



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✠ Opening Prayer ✠

Hymn: TLH #227

"Come, Holy Ghost, in Love"

- P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Confession of Our Sins

P Pastor

C Congregation

We come before God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.

- P** I said to the LORD, "You are my God;
C **Hear the voice of my supplications, O LORD.**
P The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,
C **Slow to anger and great in mercy."**
P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open and all desires are known and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.
C Amen.

- P** In repentance, let us now confess our sins to our gracious God.
C **Almighty God, merciful Father, we acknowledge our sinful nature and repent of our sins in thought and in word and in deed. For the sake of Jesus, our Lord, grant us Your divine absolution so that, as Your redeemed people, we be fit places for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit and serve You in time and for eternity. Have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to life everlasting.**

Absolution from Our God

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9)

- P** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. As a called servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Confirmation Sunday – Next weekend, on May 26th, Lauren Dobratz, John Dobratz, and Landon Wenner will be confirmed during the Sunday morning service. They will be given an examination throughout the service, and Communion will be held during the service, after their confirmation vows.

Bible Class – This past Wednesday, we wrapped up our study on the book of Acts. This coming Wednesday, we will begin a new Bible Study on the book of Romans. If you have not joined us for Wednesday morning Bible Study before, this would be a great time to jump on in! As a reminder, we meet every Wednesday morning at 9:30 am in the fellowship hall.

Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary just ended their school year this weekend. As part of the end of the year festivities, the ILC Tour Choir and Mass Choir held their Spring Concert at Messiah Lutheran Church in Eau Claire, WI. If you would like to watch that concert, you can go to our YouTube channel, "Faith Lutheran Church of West STL County," and you'll be able to find the recording of that service on our home page, in the "Past Worship Services" playlist. It should be one of the first videos you can see.

CLC Call News Pastor David Ude, Living Hope Lutheran, Appleton, WI, **is still considering the call** to Grace Lutheran, Sleepy Eye, MN. <> Teacher Ross Kok of Holy Cross Lutheran, Phoenix, AZ **has returned the call** to be principal and teacher of Luther Memorial, Fond du Lac, WI. <> Pastor Michael Eichstadt of Messiah Lutheran, Hales Corners, WI **has announced** his plan to retire after Labor Day.

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voice and addressed them: "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. ¹⁵ For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶ But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷ "And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; ¹⁸ even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹ And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; ²⁰ the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. ²¹ And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

The Holy Spirit is All About Jesus

- I. This is proved by His Day
- II. This is to prepare us for Judgment Day

The Offertory

G ♪ *Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence. Take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation. Uphold with Your Spirit free.*

✠ The Offering of Thankful Hearts ✠

Hymn: TLH #231:1-2 "We Now Implore God the Holy Ghost"

✠ The General Prayer & The Lord's Prayer ✠

The Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

The blessing given by God for His people.

P The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.

C Amen!

Hymn: WS #740

"Holy Spirit, End Our Sadness"

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The Introit

Ps. 68:1ff; Liturgical Text

A collection of passages that set the tone for the service.

P The Spirit of the Lord fills the world. Alleluia. The righteous shall be glad.

C **They shall exult before God; they shall be jubilant with joy! Alleluia.**

P God shall arise, his enemies shall be scattered; and those who hate him shall flee before him!

C **Sing to God, sing praises to his name; exult before him!**

P The Lord gives the word; behold, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice.

C **Awesome is God from his sanctuary; the God of Israel—he is the one who gives power and strength to his people.**

The Gloria Patri

TLH #236:4

Latin for "Glory be to the Father."

C ♪ **Immortal honor, endless fame,**

Attend the almighty Father's name;

The Savior Son be glorified,

Who for lost man's redemption died;

And equal adoration be, Eternal Paraclete, to Thee.

Collect Prayer of the Day

A prayer to God that collects together the thoughts and theme of the day.

P O God, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Genesis 11:1-9

Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. ² And as people migrated from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. ³ And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly." And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. ⁴ Then they

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said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth."⁵ And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of man had built.⁶ And the LORD said, "Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do. And nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them.⁷ Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another's speech."⁸ So the LORD dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city.⁹ Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth. And from there the LORD dispersed them over the face of all the earth.

John 14:23-31

Jesus answered him, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.²⁴ Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me.²⁵ "These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you.²⁶ But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.²⁸ You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I will come to you.' If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I.²⁹ And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe.³⁰ I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no claim on me,³¹ but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us go from here.

Confession of Faith *Explanation to the 3rd Article of the Creed*

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him. But the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified, and kept me in true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all sins to me and all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead and give to me and all believers in Christ eternal life. This is most certainly true.

Hymn: TLH #234

"Holy Ghost with Light Divine"

Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place.² And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.³ And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them.⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.⁵ Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven.⁶ And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language.⁷ And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?"⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language?⁹ Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome,¹¹ both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians-- we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God."¹² And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?"¹³ But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine."¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his